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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS AT ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY

1. CONGEN WILL HAVE NOTICED IN APRIL 1 DAILIES UNUSUAL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY BETWEEN ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY REPS AND GOE OFFICIALS.
CAIRO DAILIES DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO LENGTHY MEETING BETWEEN PA SPEAKER MAR'I AND ALEXANDRIA STUDENT UNION AND FACULTY MEMBERS. MAR'I REPORTEDLY PROVIDED TOUR D'HORIZON OF CURRENT GOE POLICIES, ATTACKED LIBYAN ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE EGYPTIAN YOUTH FROM POLITICAL COMMANDS AND DEFENDED TOUGH MEASURES ADOPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 10 REFERENDUM AS ATTEMPTS TO COUNTER LIBYAN "RUMORS". PAPERS ALSO REPORT THAT ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION HAS INVITED SADAT TO ATTEND PERSONALLY THIS YEAR'S "CORRECTIVE REVOLUTION" CEREMONIES, TO BE HELD MAY 7. INVITATION TREATED AS ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY OLIVE BRANCH AFTER JANUARY DISTURBANCES. FINALLY, CAIRO PRESS REPORTS THAT PRIMIN SALIM RECEIVED ALEXANDRIA STUDENTS WHO MEMBERS OF ARAB SOCIALIST PARTY AND PROVIDED COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING RE CURRENT GOE POLICY.

2 PRESS TRYING HARD TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT PREVIOUSLY FRACTIOUS ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS NOW RECONCILED WITH GOE. DOES CONGEN HAVE ANY INFO ON DEVELOPMENTS AT ALEXANDRIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNIVERSITY WHICH WOULD HAVE PAVED WAY FOR SUCH A RECONCILIATION? WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INITIATIVE, IF COMING FROM ALEXANDRIA (AS INVITATION FOR SADAT ATTENDANCE MAY 7 WOULD APPEAR TO SUGGEST), AND WHY ARE GESTURES BEING MADE AT CURRENT TIME?

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